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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants, by their Agent, respectfully request a two (2) month extension of time, from February 24, 2005 to and including April 24, 2005 for filing the Response to Office Action enclosed herein.

This request for extension of time is neither made for the purpose of delay nor for any other improper motive.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$225.00 fee for this extension to Deposit Account No. 502860. Please charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502860.

Respectfully submitted,

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